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1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for producing printing plates, comprising:  
a frame arranged as a stand-alone structure external to a printing machine,  
a mounting arranged in said frame;  
a carrier cylinder having a first end and a second end, said carrier cylinder being  
cantilever mountable at an image setting position on said mounting via said first end of said  
carrier cylinder;  
a motor for driving said carrier cylinder; and  
an image setting device moveable along said carrier cylinder for setting an image  
on a blank printing plate arranged on said carrier cylinder, said second end of said carrier  
cylinder being is freely accessible to permit printing plate change on said carrier cylinder.
2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting  
includes a carrying tube fixed in said frame and a spindle mounted in said carrying tube, said  
spindle being connected to said carrier cylinder and said motor being arranged in said carrying  
tube and having a drive connection to said spindle.
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said  
motor is fixed in said frame and said carrier includes a journal, and said apparatus further

comprises an external flexible belt drive connecting said motor to said journal of said carrier cylinder.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said carrier cylinder is operatively arranged for receiving a ~~sleeve-like~~ printing plate that can be clamped onto said carrier cylinder, said printing plate being a sleeve and said carrier cylinder having holes arranged in a cover thereof for blowing compressed air against a printing plate inner wall incident printing plate change.

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5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said carrier cylinder includes a clamping device for clamping a finite printing plate onto said carrier cylinder.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said carrier cylinder is one of plural cylinders of different diameters which are each selectively mountable on said mounting at said image setting position.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said carrier cylinder is one of plural cylinders of different diameters which are each selectively mountable on said mounting at said image setting position.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising an intermediate sleeve borne on said carrier cylinder onto which said ~~sleeve-like~~

printing plate can be clamped, said intermediate sleeve being one of plural intermediate sleeves of different external diameter which can be borne on said carrier cylinder.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said carrier cylinder is operative for selectively receiving ~~sleeve-like~~ printing plates of different diameters.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said carrier cylinder is operative for receiving one of an offset printing plate, a letterpress printing plate, a flexographic printing plate, and a gravure printing plate.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein a surface of said carrier cylinder comprises said gravure printing plate.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a crossmember arranged in said frame parallel to an axis of rotation of said carrier cylinder, said image setting device being moveable on said crossmember.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an erasing device arrangement which is settable set against said carrier cylinder.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a fixing device arrangement which is settable against said carrier cylinder.

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15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a layer applicator device arrangement which is settable against said carrier cylinder.

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16. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said mounting and said image setting device are arranged on an upper surface of said frame.

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17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said upper surface of said frame is a planar surface.

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